

VINCENT E. MCKELVEY FEDERAL BUILDING

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DECEMBER 18 (legislative day, DECEMBER 15), 1995.—Referred to the House  
Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. SHUSTER, from the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 2556]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2556) to redesignate the Federal building located at 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park, California, and known as the Earth Sciences and Library Building, as the “Vincent E. McKelvey Federal Building”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Vincent E. McKelvey was a distinguished American geologist and the ninth Director of the United States Geological Survey. He was an internationally recognized scientist in his field and received numerous honors for his contributions to the geological sciences.

Dr. McKelvey was born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania in 1916, and received his bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University and his masters and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the USGS in January of 1941 as a geologist in the Survey’s Geologic Division, and rose through the ranks to be appointed director in 1971. From his work as an entry-level geologist charting and protecting the nation’s environmental resources, to his deep commitment to energy conservation as a USGS Director, Dr. McKelvey’s accomplishments span a 46-year career with the agency.

During his tenure as director, Dr. McKelvey oversaw the transformation of the USGS from a war time uranium research team to a highly effective mapping and research agency which provides early warning for natural disasters, assists local authorities in land surveys and helps save lives. Dr. McKelvey also served for 14 years as the lead scientist for the United States Delegation to the United Nations’ Sea Conference. In addition, he authored over a 125 arti-

cles on subjects in his field, and jointly compiled a set of maps distinguishing the world distribution of seabed minerals.

Amongst his many accomplishments and awards, Dr. McKelvey received the Distinguished Service Award, the Department of Interior's highest award; and in 1978 his work as a geologist was internationally observed by the naming of a 7,000 foot high peak in Antarctica, Mount McKelvey, in his honor.

Dr. McKelvey's life and commitment to the ideals of energy conservation serve as a model for future scientists, and his contributions to our nation as a civil servant deserve the recognition bestowed by H.R. 2556.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XI

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(l)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

(1) The Committee held hearings on this legislation on December 7, 1995.

(2) The requirements of section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are not applicable to this legislation since it does not provide new budget authority or new increased tax expenditures.

(3) The Committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of oversight findings and recommendations arrived at under clause 4(C)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

#### INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Under clause (2)(l)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure estimates that enactment of H.R. 2556 will have no significant inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

#### COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires a statement of the estimated cost to the United States which will be incurred in carrying out H.R. 2556, as reported, in fiscal year 1996, and each of the following five years. Implementation of this legislation is not expected to result in any increased costs to the United States.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION AND VOTE

In compliance with clause (2)(l)(2) (A) and (B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, at a meeting of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on December 14, 1995, a quorum being present, H.R. 2556 was unanimously approved by a voice vote and ordered reported.